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Would President Wilson have been warranted in using the army to operate the railroads in case of a general strike and tie-up? Many urged that he should do so, and some even intimated that anch was certainly his intention. A timely discussion of the question and an authoritative expression of opinion upon it, from the point of view both or a President and of a judge, are given in the little volume before us. It is true that there is there could be no direct reference to the case, which has arisen since the delivery of Mr. Taft's lectures at the University of Virginia. But there is direct reference to a closely parallel case, namely, the proposal of President Roosevelt to use the army for seizing and operating the Pennsylvania coal mines for the settlement of the great anthracite strike.

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reading of the title-page, to be con-firmed repeatedly at reading almost every page of the whole stately volume, and to stand as a most satisfying conviction when the reading is Happy the writer of the book to have such a subject as Bishop Satterlee! And happy the subject of the book to And happy the subject of the book to have such a biographer as Bishop Brent! The two are comparable and congruous in gifts, in ideals, in vision, in sympathies; and the elder thus finds in the younger a singularly fit recorder and interpreter. We are made to feel that we are looking directly at Bishop Satterlee and not at a mere simulacrum formed from the self-exploiting fancy of another. We are looking through a medium which discloses and not distorts, and which is at once transparent and illuminating.

In ancestry Bishop Satterlee enjoyed a union of those two elements which contributed most and best to the founding of the American state and people. in 1908 about the illegitimate means by which the President may influence He may bargain with members, not only with regard to appointments, but also with regard to legislative measures. He may use his local patronage to assist members to get or retain their seats. He may interpose his powerful influence, in one covert way or another, in contests for places in the Senate. . . Such things are not only deeply immoral, they are destructive of the fundamental understandings of constitutional government and therefore of constitutional government itself. They are sure, moreover, in a country of free public opinion, to destroy both the fame and the power of the

contributed most and best to the lounding of the American state and people. He came on the one hand from the Soterlega of Domesday Book, through the Sotterley of the Wars of the Roses and the Satterlees of Devon, the last settling in New England in 1685. On the other hand the names of Mynderse, beather and Vateral of those who at the other hand the names of Mynderse, Bradt and Yates tell of those who at the incitement of Usselinex followed the track of Hudson and founded the track of H We must regret that Mr. Wilson hought it necessary to express the pinion that the other nations of the orld doubted the truthfulness and

most other men of his own or any time, regarded by the world with credence and confidence. We can unhesitatingly agree with him in thinking that "the best statesmen we can produce will be needed to fill the office of Secretary of State," but we must wonder at the manner in which he fulfilled those words by selecting Mr. Bryan as his first choice for that supremely important office. Truly, it is one thing to view the Presidency from afar off and quite another to occupy the office and

Portraits are altogether delightful.

His coming to Cavalry Church, New York, was little short of epochal, for himself and for the Episcopal communion in this city. It was a daring experiment for the young churchman. Calvary itself was an experiment, which remained to be justified by the event. His predecessor there was one which remained to be justified by the event. His predecessor there was one of the most notable Bishops of that time. Calls to the vacant parish were declined successively by at least three men who presently became Bishops. Then he accepted a call; himself in time to become a Bishop, and he had as his assistants there three or four

national but also an international fignational but also an international na-ure, keenly and beneficently interested in the diplomatic relationships of the Republic. In laboring for the erec-tion of a great fane of his faith at the capital he was animated by sev-eral motives. One was, of course, the natural desire that the diocese should have a suitable cathedral church. There can be no reproach in assuming that he also desired that his own There can be no reproach in assuming that he also desired that his own communion should be as well represented at the capital as any other branen of the Church. Certainly it was altogether praiseworthy for him to desire that the Christian Church, and even the Protestant Episcopal Church, should be as greatly magnified as possible in the eyes of those representatives of all the lands and faiths of the world who make Washington their American sojourning

place.

He was a man-as these luminous He was a man—as these luminous and sympathetic pages depict him, and as his own writings, freely quoted, portray him—of exceptional power and charm of personality; and of unfailing and all-prevailing spiritual mindedness. He was a man among men, a citizen among citizens; but as such, in society, in diplomacy, in all the relationships and activities of his unceasingly active and efficient cathe relationships and activities of his unceasingly active and efficient career, he was supremely an Apostle of the Faith. It is such that his loving disciple and biographer reveals him in a book marked with fine self-suppression—indeed, we might wish that Bishop Brent had put more of himself into the book—unfailing taste, a gentle play of humor, and an appreciation far better than mere enthusiasm for his subject would have been. It is in all respects a most satisfying asm for his subject would have been.
It is in all respects a most satisfying work; in which, to repeat our first suggestion, subject and author are each happy in the other; and in which —in these days of too often sloppy book manufacturing it is pleasant to record—the publishers have done their part worthily of both.

THE OTHER HALF

The Job and the Jobless-A Venture Into the World.

The experiment of the authors of practically to administer its duties. However, it was as an academic and consideration of the theory of the Presidency that Mr. Wilson's lecture was intended, and not as a prophetic commentary upon his own administration.

of crude and cheap photo-engravings, and in both views and but the plates in this volume have the mellow charms of both mezzotints and photogravures, and in both views and photogravures are altogether delightful.

His coming to Cavalry Church, New York, was little short of epochal, for the ranks of the unemployed.

of the poor is of most service as a receptacle for coal. He came to appreciate the popularity of the cheap movies as a refuge from the depressing squalor of "home" represented by a cheerless room for light housekeeping. He investigated "business opportunities" and their swindles, found that people are not discharged, but "laid off," and, after establishing \$25 as the minimum on which a couple can live with some small measure of enjoyment of life, confesses that after eight weeks of experiment he reached the conclusion that the sort of drab existence led by the majority is not worth while.

Mrs. Chase, who applied for ninety-five positions, filled in succession those of "extra" and pianist in a tencent store, waitress in a cheap restaurant, racker in a chemical shop, checker in a cravat factory, and pianist in a movie theatre, never receiving a living wage. She fixes the point where the unemployed become unemployable, exposes the familiar abuses and extortions of employment agencies, and dwells, from her own experience, upon the differince between the treatment of those applying for domestic service and for

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than one glimpse of the sex danger. Incidentally, Mr. Chase confirms the result of an experiment made by Rob-ert Louis Stevenson, who dressed him-self in workman's clothes, and passed self in workman's clothes, and passed his friends and acquaintances unrecognized. They barely glanced at his garb, and failed to see him. Again, in his account of his trip to America in the steerage, Stevenson told us that his companions there, workingmen, failed to perceive that he was not of their class. So Mr. Chase:

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His is the common sense that is akin commend itself as the pleasant way of spending a honeymoon, but then, the drama of climaxes, but above all of spending a honeymoon, but then, they explain, it was the only time they scious and even unconscious progress toward them which is the greater, the

the ranks of the unemployed.

Neither had given any previous thought to the problem, beyond reaching the general conclusion that there is something seriously wrong with our economic system; that the theory of their own wel-to-do circle that there is work for all who are willing to work is fallacious and unjust. Nowhere in stitution's steadying influence of containing the processes of thought and action. "The Road Together" is a study of those bonds apart from love and passion which marriage weaves, of the interests, achievements—and failures—that make it the enduring institution is truttion's steadying influence of containing the processes of the conflict periods. their book do they give the slightest hint of familiarity with the voluminous literature of the problem. The conclusions they draw, each from his own experience, differ widely. Mr. Chase advocates labor exchanges and unemployment hursens on the German was also as the conflict with children. It is fought out between three men and two women, free to consult only themselves, yet forced to show the rules of the read. were elected to the Episcopate. Above most other churches of New York, Calvary was a veritable School of the Prophets.

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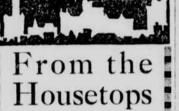
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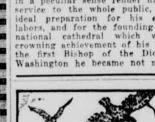
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